

PROFILE

Krista M. Respass

Managing Director
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Education Division



Krista Respass joined Maryland Public Television in 2001 and today serves as managing director for the Education Division's early childhood education unit.

In this position she oversees all grant-funded early childhood and after-school education projects. This includes coordinating the activities of professional and technical personnel to develop and implement various professional development models, student learning resources, and family engagement activities in a way that is relevant within Maryland communities. Ms. Respass leads her team in conducting statewide professional development sessions in early childhood education practices, particularly in the area of media and technology integration and curricula.

Earlier in her MPT career, Ms. Respass served as manager of early childhood education projects. In this role she supervised all aspects of the federally funded Ready to Learn program with its goal of enhancing school readiness for children up to age eight through the use of television and online resources.

Before joining MPT, Ms. Respass held the posts of training director and inclusion project coordinator for the Baltimore City Child Care Resources Center, a private nonprofit organization. She began her career as an early childhood educator and tutor for children with autism before training educators on techniques for adapting learning activities and routines to improve inclusive practices.

An alumna of Towson University, Ms. Respass earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. A regular presenter at local, state, and national early childhood education conferences, she currently serves on the Maryland Family Engagement Coalition and chairs its Early Childhood Technology Subcommittee. She is also past board of directors secretary for the Maryland Out of School Time Network.

Ms. Respass is a resident of Owings Mills, Maryland.